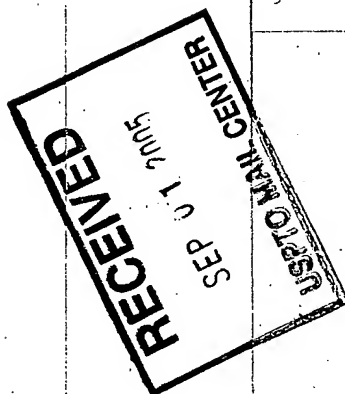


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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 83-106 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 83, 87-89, 94, 103, 104 and 106 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 84, 90, 91, 96, 98, 99, 100, 102 and 105 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a response to the amendment received on June 28, 2005 which has been entered.

Response to Amendment

Claims 83-106 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-82 are cancelled.

-The objection to claim 96 has been withdrawn due to applicant correcting a typographical error.

-The 112 2nd rejection of claims 83, 87-89, 103 and 104 has been withdrawn due to applicant clarifying that there are multiple input shafts in the invention.

-The 102(b) rejection of claims 44, 83-86, 90, 97, 101, 102 and 105 has been withdrawn due to applicant canceling claim 44 and amending the remaining indicated allowable claims into independent claims.

Claim Objections

Claims objected to because of the following informalities:

-In claim 83, line 21, before "electrical", "first" should be deleted.

-Claims 85 and 90 should depend from a preceding claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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Claims 84, 90, 91, 96, 98, 99, 100, 102 and 105 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

-As to claim 84, line 13, claim 90, line 3, claim 96, lines 15-21, claim 98, line 17 and claim 105, lines 1 and 2, the input shaft (first or second) being referred to in the limitations should be clarified, for example in claim 96, line 15, it is unclear as to which input shaft (first or second) is being referred to in this limitation.

-As to claim 91, line 15, claim 92, lines 16, 19 and 22, claim 98, line 16, claim 100, lines 14, 17 and 30, claim 101, line 5 and claim 102, line 91, the clutch being referred to in the limitations should be clarified, for example in claim 102, line 91, there is only one clutch introduced in claim 91, it is unclear as to what "both" clutches are referring to in this limitation.

-In claim 99, lines 13 and 20, it is unclear as to if these sliding sleeves are the same sleeve.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 83, 87-89, 94, 96, 103, 104 and 106 are allowed.

Claims 84, 91, 92, 96, 98, 99 and 100 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

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Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TISHA D. LEWIS whose telephone number is 571-272-7093. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 6 AM TO 2:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES A. MARMOR can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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